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Applicant(s): PARTHASARATHY et al.) Group Art Unit: 1623
Serial No.: 10/027,222)
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For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR REMOVAL OF ORGANIC MOLECULES
FROM BIOLOGICAL MIXTURES USING ANION EXCHANGE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed 22 April 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II (claims 39-52), drawn to devices and analytical receptacles comprising an anion exchange material. Applicants reserve the right to pursue examination of the non-elected claims in continuation or divisional applications.

Further, in response to the Election of Species, Applicants elect, with traverse, species (AA): device with a plurality of process arrays, such that a surface within at least one process array comprises an anion exchange material; and (BK): a surface comprising an anion exchange material comprising quaternary ammonium ions and partially coated with a negatively charged polyelectrolyte. The above-referenced species encompass claims 39-45. Applicants' Representatives reserve the right to pursue examination of the non-elected claims in continuation or divisional applications.

This election is made with traverse to the extent that it is understood that (a) the requirement will be withdrawn upon the finding of an allowable genus; and (b) any species withdrawn from consideration will be transferred to the elected subject matter unless it is found patentably distinct from the elected or allowed claims. Applicants traverse on the grounds that the generic claim includes sufficiently few species that a search and examination of all the species at one time would not impose a serious burden on the Examiner.

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:

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